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April 9, 2025

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Establishing a 5G Fund for Rural America, GN Docket No. 20-32; Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program (WC Docket Nos. 19-195 and 11-10); In Re: Delete, Delete, Delete, GN Docket No. 25-133; Auction of Advanced Wireless Services (AWS-3) Licenses, AU Docket No. 25-117; Enhancing National Security Through the Auction of AWS-3 Spectrum Licenses; Applying New Average Annual Gross Revenue Benchmarks for Small Business Bidding Credits; Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 1695-1710 MHz, 1755-1780 MHz, and 2155-2180 MHz Bands, GN Docket Nos. 25-70, 25-71, 13-185

Dear Secretary Dortch:

April 8, 2025, Jimmy Todd, CEO and General Manager of Nex-Tech; Daron Jamison, VP Corporate Development and Regulatory of Nex-Tech Wireless; and Tim Donovan and I of Competitive Carriers Association met with Arpan Sura, Senior Counsel to Chairman Carr.

During the meeting, we discussed the pending 5G Fund proceeding, particularly on the benefits of synchronizing timing of a 5G Fund Phase I auction to the BEAD program, the synergies of fiber and wireless infrastructure projects, and the need to fix the mobile mapping data submission and challenge processes regardless of BEAD timing. Participants also noted concerns with the FCC's Speed Test App and the need for additional sources of mobile broadband data in rural areas.

Participants also discussed the Commission's deregulatory proceeding, noting CCA's upcoming comments and emphasizing the high cost of compliance on and the cumulative and incremental burdens of regulations on many smaller competitive carriers. CCA highlighted deregulatory recommendations related to mobile mapping data and various reporting obligations.

Participants also discussed spectrum issues from the perspective of smaller rural carriers, emphasizing the need for bidding credits sufficient to enable smaller/rural carriers to successfully competitively obtain needed spectrum, the need for smaller license sizes that

enable competitive carriers to serve their markets, and the challenges smaller and rural carriers experience when trying to obtain additional spectrum outside of the auction context.

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This letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Please contact the undersigned with any questions

Respectfully submitted,

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